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Abstract
Transport studies have been performed on thin films of CoSi/sub 2/ and **NiSi**/sub 2/ in the **temperature** range 1–300K. The conductivities are metallic with essentially the same **temperature** dependence; however, the residual resistivities are markedly different even though the two silicides are structurally similar (the **room–**temperature resistivity of **NiSi**/sub 2/ being at least twice that of CoSi/sub 2/ of 15 muOmega cm). The difference is attributed to intrinsic defects in **NiSi**/sub 2/. This defect has been simulated by ion bombardment of the **film** where it is also shown that Matthiessen's rule is obeyed over a remarkable range of bombardment doses.

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Low–temperature diffusion of silicon atoms in the nickel–nickel silicide–silicon system.

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Abstract
The diffusion of Si atoms from a silicon substrate through a **layer** of **nickel monosilicide** into a **Ni film** is investigated in the **temperature** interval 470–670K by the method of radioactive isotopes. The distribution profile of Si in **NiSi** and **Ni** is derived. The GB–diffusion parameters of Si in **NiSi** are determined. It is shown that when T>570K there is an increase in the thickness of the initial **NiSi layer,** and a kink appears on the 1n D=f(1/T) curve. The associated change in the activation energy of diffusion from 0.43 (470–570K) to 0.72 eV (570–670K) is explained by the formation of **Ni–**Si and Si–O type

complexes. The diffusion of silicon atoms accompanied by complex– formation processes determines the evolution of the resistivity of the **Ni**–NiSi–Si contact.

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Abstract
All the compounds predicted from the **Si–**Ni phase diagram were observed by depositing thin layers of **nickel** onto silicon in known quantities and ratios to each other using an unreactive substrate such as SiO/sub 2/. After deposition, the samples were annealed in the **temperature** range 200–750°C and analysed using 2 MeV /sup 4/He/sup positive Rutherford backscattering spectrometry and X–ray diffraction techniques. **Ni**/sub 2/Si is the first phase formed at a low **temperature** (about 250°C). Under silicon–rich conditions the system develops in a reproducible manner, subsequently giving rise, when all the **nickel** was reacted, to the formation of **NiSi** and of **NiSi**/sub 2/ by reaction at 750°C of the **NiSi** with silicon. The kinetic diffusion approach accounts for the formation and sequence of **Ni**/sub 2/Si and **NiSi.** The phase **Ni**/sub 5/Si/sub 2/ forms between **Ni**/sub 2/Si and **nickel** under **nickel–**rich conditions. The phases **Ni**/sub 3/Si/sub 2/ and **Ni**/sub 3/Si were observed at 400°C and 450°C respectively.

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Formation of Ni silicide from Ni(Au) films on (111)Si.

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Abstract

The solid state reaction between a **Ni** (7 at. 96 Au) **film** and a Si substrate at temperatures ranging from 250 to 800°C is examined by scanning electron microscopy, X–ray diffraction, and Rutherford backscattering spectrometry. Compared to the usual features for thin **film** reaction of **Ni** with Si, we observed the following. (i) The simultaneous growth of **Ni**/sub 2/Si and **NiSi,** and the growth of **NiSi** at the expense of both **Ni**/sub 2/Si and **Ni.** This is related to Au accumulation in the metal **layer.** (ii) Au precipitation at 300°C followed by the dissolution of the clusters thus created above the Au– Si eutectic **temperature** (370°C). (iii) A decrease of the **temperature** of formation of **NiSi**/sub 2/ and the appearance of thickness oscillations that are characteristic of nucleation. These different effects are interpreted by taking into account the metallurgy of the system: segregation of Au in the **Ni film,** Au solubility in the different silicides, change in surface and interface energies, and chemical interactions with Si.

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In–situ investigation of the formation of nickel silicides during interaction of single–crystalline and amorphous silicon with nickel.

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Abstract

In situ investigations showed that the sequence of phase formation during interaction of **nickel** particles with single crystalline (100) silicon and amorphous silicon corresponds to the following sequence of stages during the annealing of **thin–**film systems: (a) within a **temperature** range up to 500°C, the first and prevailing phase formed is **Ni**/sub 2/Si; and (b) annealing at temperatures above 600°C is accompanied by the formation and epitaxial growth of the **NiSi**/sub 2/ phase. The growth of the **nickel** disilicide crystalline phase is accompanied by the formation of dislocations both in the **nickel** disilicide phase and in the silicon phase. The interaction of the amorphous silicon **film** with **nickel** particles at temperatures above 600°C leads to the crystallization of several silicide phases: **NiSi** /sub 2/, **NiSi, Ni**/sub 3/Si/sub 2/. The formation of silicide phases due to the interaction of **nickel** particles with silicon during annealing did not confirm the formation of an intermediate amorphous silicide that was observed earlier in **thin–**film **nickel–**silicon systems. Irradiation with a beam of accelerated electrons in a

microscope leads to an increase of the rate of silicide phase formation and to a decrease of the **temperature** at which the **nickel** disilicide phase is formed epitaxially, at least to 400°C. In our opinion, the observed effect can be due to the formation of defects in the structure of single crystalline silicon.

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